

## Abstract

In order to produce a monitoring device for checking for a predefined position of a body or for checking for the presence of a body, comprising a pivotal checking element, a motor for driving the checking element and a control device for controlling the pivotal movement of the checking element, wherein the pivotal movement is effected in a controlled manner, provision is made for the control device to specify the pivotal position of the checking element in dependence on the time.

The present disclosure relates to the subject matter disclosed in the German patent applications Nos. 100 00 954.9 and 100 01 337.6, both of January 17, 2000, and No. 100 24 976.0 of May 19, 2000, the entire specifications of which are incorporated herein by reference.